



**STATEMENT OF THE GREEK TURKISH FORUM  
ON THE PASSING OF THEODORE COULOUMBIS**

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The Greek Turkish Forum (GTF) mourns the passing of one of its most prominent members, Prof. Theodore Couloumbis.

Apart from being the doyen of the discipline of International Relations in Greece and one of the founders of Greece's leading think tank ELIAMEP, Prof. Couloumbis has been a member and a valuable contributor to the activities of the GTF. Through his path-breaking academic work and valuable contributions to the Greek foreign policy debate, Prof. Couloumbis has always highlighted the importance of dialogue and mutual understanding as prerequisites for the resolution of Greece's disputes with its neighbors.

He will be remembered as a firm supporter of the Greek-Turkish dialogue and the UN-supported conflict resolution process in Cyprus, as well as a person of extraordinary kindness and integrity.

He will be dearly missed by all current and former members of the GTF. His legacy will inspire us in the Forum in our future collective efforts.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife Zoe, children Alexandros and Angela, and grandchildren.